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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 9, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically on pages 11-13 and Fig. 3. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,314,516 to Cagle, et al.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,314,516 to Cagle, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,543,004 to Cagle, et al.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein a setting processing procedure detects current setup information, detects a difference between the current setup

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information and setup information stored on the storage medium, and updates said setup information stored on said storage medium in accordance with the current setup information, and updates the current setup information with the setup information on the storage medium." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,314,516 to Cagle, et al.

(hereinafter, merely "Cagle") relates to a method of configuring communications settings in a computer system that includes receiving a configuration settings file. The configuration settings file includes global connection settings, a connection type, and connection type specific files.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Cagle that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1.

Specifically, Applicants submit that Cagle fails to disclose or suggest a setting processing procedure that detects current setup information, detects a difference between the current setup information and setup information stored on the storage medium, updates said setup information stored on said storage medium in accordance with the current setup information, and updates the current setup information with the setup information on the storage medium, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, independent claim 1 is believed to be patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 4, 5, and 9 are also believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are dependent from one of the amended independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the

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invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

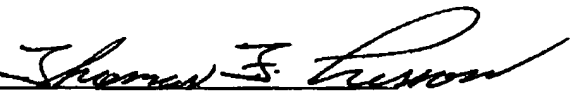
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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